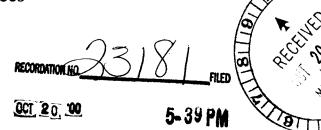


October 19, 2000

Taledia Stokes
Surface Transportation Board
Recordation Office
1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington D.C. 20423



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Dear Taledia,

Enclosed are two (2) originals of the **Memorandum of Railcar Lease** dated as of June 23, 2000 between the following parties:

Lessor: THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING INC 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036

Lessee: LAFARGE CORPORATION

4000 Town Center, Suite #2000, Southfield, MI 48075

A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

Memorandum of Railcar Lease between Lessor: THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING INC and Lessee: LAFARGE CORPORATION covering (10) 3230 c.f. capacity pressure differential covered hopper railcars with reporting marks and numbers – CEFX 9515-17, 95223, 95227-95231, 95234.

Please file this memorandum as a primary document with the Surface Transportation Board and return one (1) stamped original to my attention. A check covering the filing fee of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding the filing, please feel free to call me at 800-634-9738 ext. 20254.

Thank you for your prompt assistance.

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Administrator Enclosure/sll

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MEMORANDUM OF RAILCAR LEASE

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

THIS MEMORANDUM OF RAILCAR LEASE dated as of this 23rd day of June, 2000 is made by The CIT Group/Equipment Financing, Inc., a New York corporation, with an address at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (the "Lessor"), and LaFarge Corporation, a properties of the properties of the matter of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (the "Lessor"), and LaFarge Corporation, a properties of the properties of t

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

WHEREAS, the Lessor and the Lessee entered into that certain Master Railcar Lease (the "Lease") dated as of June 23, 2000, effective as of July 1, 1999, covering the equipment listed on Schedule A hereto (the "Equipment");

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to show for the public record the existence of the aforesaid Lease, and the respective interests therein of the Parties and accordingly the Parties have caused this memorandum to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers, as of the date first above written.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by each of the Parties hereto, by this instrument the Lessor hereby leases and confirms the lease of the Equipment to the Lessee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Lease, and the Lessee confirms and accepts such terms and conditions, which are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Document to be executed by a duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING, INC.,

By: ____ Name:/

Title: Vice Prendent

LAFARGE CORPORATION

By: <u>Unall Am</u> Name: <u>Donald Smi</u>

Title: manager Sirbar Transportation

| STATE OF MICHIGAN) | | |
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| COUNTY OF DAKLAND) | | |
| On this Hh day of August, 2000 before me personally appears Donald T. Swith, to me personally known, who by me duly sworn, says that he/she is the Manager Surface Transfertation, Cement of LAFARGE CORPORATION (the "Company"), that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of the said Company by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of the said Company. | | |
| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal. | | |
| Notary Public | | |
| SUSAN M. RUTH NOTARY PUBLIC - OAKLAND COUNTY, MI MY COMMISSION EXP. 12/14/2000 | | |
| My Commission expires: | | |
| STATE OF NEW YORK) SS: COUNTY OF NEW YORK) | | |
| On this 15th day of Curgust, 2000 before me personally appears he/she is the Vici-fresdent of THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING, INC. (the "Company"), that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of the said Company by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of the said Company. | | |
| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal. Low Many Mushaup Notary Public | | |
| Notary Public | | |

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My Commission expires

ROSE MARY DINNHAUPT
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 31-5010315
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires March 29, 359

Schedule A

| Quantity 10 | Equipment Description 3230 c.f. capacity pressure differential covered hopper railcars. | Car Mark and Numbers CEFX 95215 CEFX 95216 CEFX 95217 CEFX 95223 CEFX 95227 CRFX 95228 CEFX 95229 CEFX 95230 CEFX 95231 |
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